

SUBMISSION

re: The Bill removes the voter proof of identity requirements introduced by the former government in 2014, from both the Electoral Act and the *Local Government Electoral Act 2011*.

I wish to note my objection to the removal of the identity requirements for voting.

Due to letters being sent out prior to the election by the Queensland electoral commission that contained a tear off card that could be used for i.d. purposes, I do not understand what the issue is with providing i.d. prior to being eligible to vote. If you are on the electoral roll, you should have received a letter.

As for the excuse of discrimination against some voters, I find this hard to believe considering you have to have 100 points of i.d. to open a bank account. The majority of residents would have a bank account by voting age. You can then use your bank account as a form of i.d.

Another excuse that I have heard for removing the law is that voter fraud is not a problem. Well with this law currently in place it helped to keep it that way. I would actually like to see it go one step further and have electronic rolls, so that once you cast a vote your name is marked off the system for that election so that there is no chance of people voting more than once. That way if someone votes at prepoll, their name would already be marked off the roll prior to polling booths opening. It would help save some confusion in some older people who might think that they have to vote at both places.

I understand that some people were unaware of needing i.d. for the recent state election but once you do something once, you know to do it again. Also votes were able to be cast without i.d. by filling in a declaration vote.

I believe that by changing this law again so soon that you will now just confuse people for next time.

I for one, would like to see the voter i.d. law stay because I felt safer knowing that by having to provide i.d. that only I could vote in my name.

Please reconsider removing this law.